

ER 60-1233/b

12 MAR 1960

The Honorable Frederick H. Mueller  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Fred:

I am glad to learn from your letter of February 18th that information from this Agency has been of substantial assistance to your Department in the exercise of its responsibility.

I believe there must be some misunderstanding about the dissemination of reports which we have received from [redacted] sources. In 1954 a reading panel was established representing the components of this Agency concerned with the [redacted] reports, and this panel screens all such reports on a regular basis against requirements furnished by your Department. With very rare exceptions in special cases, these reports responsive to your requirements are disseminated to the Department. This procedure achieves for the [redacted] reports substantially the same result as derives from [redacted] reports.

It has been our intent and will continue to be that all intelligence information which can be of use to you in your responsibilities be made available subject only to the limitations of source protection in rare cases.

Sincerely,

CONCUR:

10 MAR 1960

[redacted] DD/I  
Robert Amory, Jr.,

SIGNED

CD/OO-EMA:mg (25 Feb 60)

Allen W. Dulles

Rewritten: OGC:LRH:jeb (8 Mar 60) Director

Okl-addressee

1-DCI *via Reed*

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(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE *Commerce*)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Mr. Houston:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Herewith is an alternative letter for Secretary Mueller. ☐ feels mine is somewhat blunt compared to theirs but agrees that it covers the ground. I feel the less said the better and recommend my draft.

DCI: I like Larry's  
short version/outcome  
CFC  
DDCI

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

☐ agrees that General Counsel's rewrite need not be classified.)

8 March 1960  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence) *RAF*  
SUBJECT: Release of Reports to the Department of Commerce  
REFERENCE: Letter from Secretary of Commerce to the DCI,  
dated 18 Feb 60

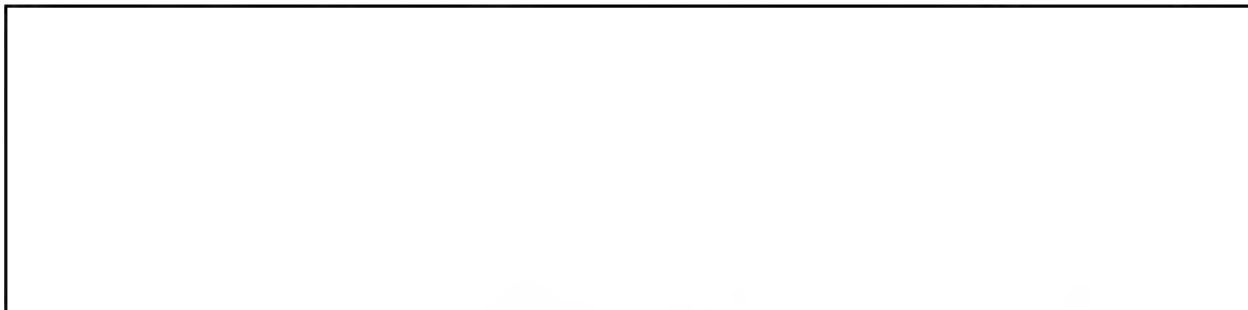
1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI.  
Such requested action is contained in paragraph 6.

2. Secretary Mueller, in his letter to you of 18 Feb 1960, asks  
that all intelligence information reports emanating from [ ]  
sources be disseminated to the Department of Commerce on a regular  
basis, and points out their potential value to his Department in con-  
nection with its responsibility for enforcing the U. S. Export Control  
Act. While he acknowledges the value of the steady stream of intelli-  
gence information which he has received from CIA, and which he describes  
as emanating from the overseas operations of the Agency, he does not  
appear to be aware of the fact that his Department already receives a  
substantial number of selected [ ] reports.

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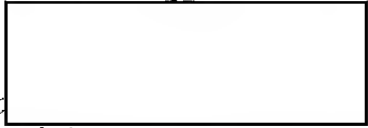
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4. In the case of the Department of Commerce, a procedure was established in 1954 between ☐, ORR, and OCR whereby a reading panel has STAT screened ☐ intelligence information reports on a regular basis against requirements furnished by the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, and each selected report has been checked through the originating field office and source for authority for release to the Department of Commerce. In the vast majority of cases this permission has been granted and the report has been released, generally in sanitized form.

5. It is believed that certain officials of the Department of Commerce have been under the misapprehension that recent changes in ORR, involving the transfer of the illegal transactions and traders file to the Commercial Intelligence Division of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, might cause this screening process and release of reports to be discontinued. It would therefore seem advisable to assure Secretary Mueller that this regular release of selected reports can be expected to continue, and to explain why a blanket release of all reports emanating from ☐ sources would not be possible. STAT

6. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter.

  
Acting Assistant Director for Operations

Attachment:  
As stated  
cc: DDCI, DD/I

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Origs and 1 cy ltr for DCI sign and basic  
*for file* unsigned to Mr. Houston by General  
Cabell with following comment on R/S:

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/s/ CPC 5 Mar 60

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